

known as the SUPPORT Foundation. This should serve as an outstanding example for other developing countries. Queen Sirikit understands that, if Thailand is to enjoy long-term prosperity, rural people must have hope for their future.

A multitude of distinguished organizations have honored her work. The Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations has awarded her the distinguished Ceres medal. Her work for the rural poor of Thailand led Tufts University to award her an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters. Similarly, her solicitude for the health of both Thais and Cambodian refugees prompted Great Britain's Royal College of Physicians to award her an Honorary Fellowship.

I ask all members of the House to join me in welcoming Queen Sirikit to the United States. I know that many of us have been invited to attend an event which Her Majesty will be presiding over at the Library of Congress in the evening of Wednesday, October 9, which will feature an exhibition of the work and activities of the SUPPORT Foundation. I look forward to seeing many of my colleagues there to extend our admiration and best wishes to this great friend of the United States.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARIE  
BARKMAN

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OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Mrs. Marie Barkman of Pueblo, Colorado. Mrs. Barkman passed away just four days shy of her 104th birthday, and as her family mourns their loss I would like to pay tribute to her memory and the extraordinary contributions she has made to her community.

Mrs. Barkman was a leading philanthropist in her community, and made a real difference through her community service projects and charities throughout the City of Pueblo. Mrs. Barkman and her husband Frank, funded over one million dollars for the construction of two libraries, one in the Belmont area and the other on the South Side of Pueblo. They also contributed another \$100,000 to the construction of another library in Pueblo West. In addition to providing the citizens of Pueblo with modern library facilities, Mrs. Barkman also

contributed generously to Pueblo's YMCA and the El Pueblo Boys Ranch. —

It was for the dedicated generosity of their time and money that Mr. and Mrs. Barkman were named 1991 "Citizens of the Year" by the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Barkman found purpose and happiness in her life not through the pursuit of material possessions but in the joy and satisfaction that comes with helping others. It is through her pure intentions and tireless energy that she put toward her good works that Marie Barkman became renowned throughout Pueblo as a caring benefactor and a friend to all who knew her.

Mr. Speaker, it is with solemn respect and honor that I recognize Mrs. Marie Barkman before this body of Congress and this nation for the benevolent contributions she has made to the City of Pueblo. She was truly an outstanding figure that has left a legacy of goodwill and generosity that will benefit succeeding generations throughout the state for generations to come. Although we mourn the loss of Mrs. Marie Barkman, her life and spirit will live on in the literally thousands of lives she impacted through her generosity and caring spirit.